

2016-2017 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM GUIDELINES

St. Joseph Parish 767 Prospect Street Maplewood, New Jersey 07040

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR OUR PROGRAM?

Parish children who are not enrolled in Catholic School are welcome to enroll. Classes are held on Sunday mornings right after the 9:00am Family Mass. Registration opens in April. Sessions begin in late September, following a published calendar. Tuition is charged to cover part of our costs. Installment payments or financial assistance may be available. Contact Fr. Jim for further details.

EXPECTATIONS OF OUR STUDENTS COOPERATION

To show proper respect for the materials, for our Catechists, and for fellow students, all children must be courteous and attentive. Should a problem arise, efforts will be made to solve it in class. If those efforts are unsuccessful, parents will be notified.

CONCENTRATION

Our Volunteer Catechists have much to cover in a short time. Focus and enthusiasm from the students make class more enjoyable for everyone. Please let your child know how much their religious education means to you.

ATTENDANCE

Regular participation at Mass and in class are essential to a successful experience. Please plan to be at Church with your child each week and to make up any missed class work.



faithstjoseph@gmail.com
MASSthen**CLASS**
9:00amChurch10:00amSchool

Each Sunday,
Joey & Josephine,
our mascots,
are sent home with
a different family
for a week. They
teach them about our
Faith. Join us at the
9:00am Family Mass!

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Fr. James A. Worth, M.Div., M.A.

Pastor & Director of Faith Formation

Mrs. Jeanine Garaban, B.A.

Assistant Director of Faith Formation

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday

9:00am to 1:00pm

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SAFETY

With many children around the area outside of the School Building, it is challenging to supervise them. Please help us to keep everyone safe by keeping watch and alert at all times. Please escort your child into the Cafeteria at the beginning of class to meet their Catechist at the assigned table. Come to this table in the Cafeteria at 11:25am to pick them up.

COMMUNICATION

Collaboration between Home and Parish is essential to your child's growth in the Faith. Therefore, we need you to keep in touch. We will communicate with you via emails. *Please be attentive to them.* We will have the calendar, these guideline and other pertinent information on the Religious Education Website so that you can keep informed at all times. Parents will receive a note from your child's Catechist that will include their phone number. Please feel free to call the Catechist with any concerns or questions. It is vital that you alert us to any special learning needs or allergies. Please let us know about special circumstances (e.g. serious illness or death in the family) that may affect your child. As a community, we can be a source of prayer and support for each other. Thank you for helping us. Together we operate well as a family of faith when we stay in communication.